(g) A statement indicating the sections on which passenger fares are levied on the basis of inflated distance is attached.

Statement

Railway	Name of the Section	Extent of Inflation in the Distance for Charge
South Central	Gooty-Dharmavaram	1½ times the actual distance.
	Castle Rock-Kalay	2¼ times the actual distance.
	Bibi Nagar-Nalgonda	1½ times the actual distance.
Northern	Ambala-Kalka	1⅓ times the actual distance.
	Kalka-Shimla	3 times the actual distance for 2nd class and 2 times the actual distance for Ist Class passengers.
	Jogindernagar-Pathankot	1⅓ times the actual distance.
Central	Neral-Matheran	6 times the actual distance.
Southern	Mettupalayam-Wellington	2¾ times the actual distance.
	Wellington-Udagamandalam	2 times the actual distance.
	Dharmavaram-Baiyyappanahalli	1½ times the actual distance.

Construction of National Highways by Private Sector

275. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered to private sector the construction of national highways which have a backlog of about 40,000 kilometres;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions of the offer as regards quality control, designs, necessary infrastrure, time-bound period of work, mode of payment for the work done and permission to levy Toll tax on road traffic, the period thereof etc.;

(c) what is the response in this regard; and

(d) whether private sector will also be involved in the construction and repair of the bridges on the Highways and if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) The Government of India invited proposals from the private sector for taking up selectively certain toll based schemes on National Highways. Only a few concrete proposals were received from some firms with certain conditions like grant of concessions, loans, guarantees etc. which were not acceptable to Government of India.

Completion of Howrah-Sheakhaia Project

276. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 163 given

in the Rajya Sabha on 18th November, 1987 and state:

(a) when the work for completion of the remaining portion of Howrah-Sheakhala project is proposed to be undertaken; and

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) It is difficult to take up construction of Howrah-Sheakhala rail line at present due to constraint of resources.

Publication of the Remaining Portion of the Book 'India Wins Freedom'.

277. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to publish the unpublished portion of the book 'India Wins Freedom' by Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be brought out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir. The right of first publication vests with M/s. Orient Longman Private Limited.

(b) M/s. Orient Longman Private Limited have conveyed their desire to publish it as soon as possible. This was, however, on the basis that the material would be released to them on 22-2-1988. The National Archives of India/National Library have since been restrained by orders of competent courts from so releasing the material to M/s. orient Longman.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Accounts (1986-87) of the Cochin Port Trust, Madras Port Trust, Mormugao Port Trust, New Mangalore Port Trust, Tuticorin Port Trust and Nhava Sheva Port Trust, and related papers

II. Statements giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of section 103 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

(i) (a) Annual Accounts of the Cochin Port Trust for the year 1986-87 and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the Annual Accounts of the Cochin Port Trust.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5101-88 for (a) and (b)].

(ii) (a) Annual Accounts of the Madras Port Trust for the year 1986-87 and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the Annual Accounts of the Madras Port Trust.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—5513/88 for (a) and (b)].

(iii) (a) Annual Accounts of the Mormugao Port Trust for the year 1996-87 and the Audit Report thereon.